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SUBJECT: SEOUL 2007 CABLES REGARDING DECEMBER 19
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

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¶1. (U) Provided below is a list of post's cables pertaining to the December 17 Presidential election. This list may be useful in answering questions related to the candidates and the election. Paragraph 2 highlights key cables by category (Bio Sketches, Ambassador/Embassy Visitors - Candidate Meetings, Final Race, Party Primaries, Pre-Race Posturing, and Miscellaneous) and paragraph 3 provides a chronological listing.

¶2. (C) Key Cables by category:

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11/05 Seoul 003256 (CO) Presidential Candidate Moon Kuk-Hyun Focuses On International Competitiveness

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02/06 Seoul 000357 (CO) The Ambassador Meets With GNP Presidential Candidate Park Geun-Hye

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03/20 Seoul 000811 (CO) Sohn Hak-Kyu Leaves the GNP: Political Future Over?

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03/15 Seoul 000770 (CO) Former PM Lee Hae-Chan's Vist to Pyongyang: North Ready for Improved Relations

02/28 Seoul 000516 Sohn Hak-Kyu: New Reform Party Presidential Candidate?

02/15 Seoul 000472 (CO) Lee Myung-Bak: Qualified, Ready and In First Place

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02/02 Seoul 000333 Presidential Hopeful Chung Dong-Young: Contender or Also-Ran?

02/02 Seoul 000331 ROK Presidential Candidate Lee Myung-Bak: Conservative Politics, Progressive Heart?

1E. Pre-Race Posturing

11/28 Seoul 003410 (CO) UNDP Chung Dong-Young's Camp Facing Uphill Battle

11/23 Seoul 003366 (CO) UNDP Candidate Chung to Jeolla Where's the Love

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11/30 Seoul 003426 (CO) Uncovering the DJ Kidnapping Closing the Door on an Authoritarian Past

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01/19 Seoul 000166 (CO) GNP: In The Lead, But Not In The Bag?

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